

New Haven Board of Commissioners
August 15, 2013

The following were present:

Mayor Bob Johnson
Freddy DeWitt
Keith Metcalfe
Nicole Pinkston
Linda Mattingly

Chris Cecil
Kristie Hamon
Terry Harris
Corey Holbert

Don Cecil
Kenny Fogle
Guyula Johnson
Joanie Corbin

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and the pledge was recited. The guests were welcomed.

The **Minutes of July 18, 2013** were approved on motion of Chris and second of Don.

General Administration

July Financial Reports and August Bills—These were approved on motion of Chris and second of Don.

2013 Tax Rate Ordinance—First reading of the 2013 Tax Rate Ordinance was read and approved on motion of Freddy and second of Chris. The tax rate for real property for 2013 will be .226 per \$100 valuation. This is the compensating rate to allow for the same amount of revenue as last year. The increase from last year's rate of .224 per \$100 valuation is due to increased homestead exemptions (\$231,340) and decrease in total assessments (\$107,460). All voted in favor of approving the first reading of the 2013 Tax Ordinance.

City Facebook—Freddy made motion authorizing a Facebook Page for the City and to adopt the City of New Haven Facebook Policy. (see attached) Chris seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting Time—The City Clerk suggested changing the meeting time from 6:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The consensus of the Commission was to leave the meeting time at 6:00PM.

Water and Sewer Department

Water Rate Ordinance #439 Series 2013—The Second Reading of this ordinance was held and approved on motion of Freddy and second of Don. Roll call resulted in unanimous decision with Freddy, Don, Chris, and the Mayor voting for the Ordinance.

Freddy wanted to talk about an issue that had been tabled last month concerning changing deposit requirements from renter to property owner. After lengthy discussion Freddy made a motion to increase the water deposit from \$100 to \$150 for people seeking water service. Chris seconded the

motion. Chris, Freddy and Don voted for the motion. Mayor Johnson opposed. This will be taken up at a future meeting since an Ordinance is required to change water deposits.

Recreation Department—Don reported that the electrical service had been replaced leading to the TRC Pavilion. Approximate cost was \$1200. Electrical work for Simms Park will begin soon. Consensus of the Commission was to look into possibly trading in the lawn mower for a new Scag.

Street Department

Chris reported that painting of the curbs has finally been completed. He wanted to know if the area adjacent to Wayne’Os at 1st and Center should be painted. Chris also wanted to know what had been done concerning drainage on Maxie Court. Bobby said he had looked at it and not much can be done unless a ditch is put in front of Mike Morris’ property.

Police Department—Freddy reported that the taser has been purchased and Corey will be trained at the Hodgenville Police Department. The shocks for the police car have come and will be installed by Jay Rust.

Executive Session—Freddy made a motion to go into executive session per KRS 61.810 to discuss property acquisition. Chris seconded. All voted in favor. Freddy made a motion to return to regular session and Don seconded. All voted in favor. Mayor Johnson reported that no action would be taken as a result of the executive session.

Adjournment—Don moved for adjournment and Chris seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Mayor

Clerk